

CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A hand tool for finishing model car wheel hubs, comprising:
 - a handle having a generally cylindrical shape, a round cross section on a plane perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of said handle suitable for manual gripping, a first face and an opposite second face;
 - a first shaft extending perpendicular from said first face coaxial with the longitudinal axis of said handle and having a first tip upon said first shaft opposite said first face; and,
 - a second shaft extending perpendicular from said second face coaxial with the longitudinal axis of said handle and having a second tip upon said second shaft opposite said second face.
2. (canceled)
3. (currently amended) The hand tool of ~~claim 2~~ claim 1 wherein said handle has a plurality of ribs extending longitudinally and evenly spaced ~~around~~ upon the perimeter of said handle.
4. (currently amended) The hand tool of ~~claim 2~~ claim 1 further comprising: ~~wherein~~
 - said first face being ~~is~~ perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of said handle;
 - said first shaft having a generally cylindrical shape, a diameter less than said handle and suitable for a hole in said wheel hub; and,
 - said first tip having a conical depression with the nadir of said depression towards the center of said handle.
5. (canceled)
6. (currently amended) The hand tool of ~~claim 2~~ claim 1 further comprising: ~~wherein~~
 - said second face being ~~is~~ perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of said handle; and,

said second face having a conical depression with the nadir of said depression towards the center of said hand tool and the base of said depression opposite said first face, said base having a diameter substantially that of said handle.

7. (canceled)

8. (currently amended) The hand tool of ~~claim 7~~ claim 6 further comprising:

said second shaft having a generally cylindrical shape, a diameter less than said handle and suitable for a hole in said wheel hub, and being centered within the conical depression of said second face; and,

said second tip having a conical depression with the nadir of said depression towards the center of said hand tool and the base of said depression opposite said second face.

9. (original) The hand tool of claim 4 further comprising:

said first face having a ledge formed upon removing material of said handle on a chord adjacent to said first shaft and parallel to the diameter of said first face and to a depth of one or more diameters of said first shaft.

10. (currently amended) A hand tool to finish wheel hubs of model cars, comprising:

a first shaft coaxial with the longitudinal axis of said hand tool and having a first tip upon said first shaft;

a handle having a generally cylindrical shape, a round cross section on a plane perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of said handle suitable for manual gripping, a first face and an opposite second face, said first shaft extending perpendicular to said first face and said first tip being opposite said first face, said first face is perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of said handle; and,

a second shaft extending perpendicular from said second face coaxial with the longitudinal axis of said handle and having a second tip upon said second shaft opposite said second face.

11. (cancelled)

12. (currently amended) The hand tool of ~~claim 14~~ claim 10 wherein said first shaft has a generally cylindrical shape, a diameter suitable for a hole in said wheel hub; and, said first tip has a conical depression with the nadir of said depression towards the center of said hand tool.

13. (canceled)

14. (currently amended) The hand tool of ~~claim 13~~ claim 10 wherein said handle has a plurality of ribs extending longitudinally and evenly spaced ~~around~~ upon the perimeter of said handle.

15. (currently amended) The hand tool of claim 10 further comprising: wherein
said second face being ~~is~~ perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of said hand tool, having a conical depression with the nadir of said depression towards the center of said hand tool and the base of said depression opposite said first face, said base having a diameter substantially that of said handle.

16. (canceled)

17. (currently amended) The hand tool of ~~claim 16~~ claim 15 further comprising:

said second shaft having a generally cylindrical shape, a diameter less than said handle and suitable for a hole in said wheel hub, and being centered within said conical depression of said second face; and,

said second tip having a conical depression with the nadir of said depression towards the center of said hand tool and the base of said depression opposite said second face.

18. (currently amended) The hand tool of claim ~~14~~ 10 further comprising said first face having a ledge formed upon removing material of said handle on a chord adjacent to said first shaft and parallel to the diameter of said first face and to a depth of generally one or more diameters of said first shaft.
~~diameters.~~

19. (withdrawn) A method of finishing a model car hub, the steps comprising:

- 1) grasping the handle of a hand tool; and,
- 2) placing a first tip upon sandpaper, piercing said sandpaper, and locating said sandpaper over said first tip; and,
- 3) sliding said sandpaper along a first shaft, and positioning said sandpaper upon a first face; and,
- 4) rotating said hub firmly against said sandpaper upon said first face whereby said hub becomes square allowing a precise fit of said hub wheel to a track.

20. (withdrawn) The method of finishing a model car wheel in claim 19 further comprising:

- 1) locating said sandpaper over a second tip, sliding said sandpaper along a second shaft, and positioning said sandpaper upon a second face and within a conical depression; and,
- 2) rotating said hub firmly against said sandpaper upon said second face whereby said hub becomes coned thereby lessening the surface area in contact between said hub and said model car resulting in higher speed for said model car.

21. (newly added) The hand tool of claim 4 further comprising said second face having a ledge formed upon removing material of said handle on a chord adjacent to said second shaft and parallel to the diameter of said second face and to a depth of generally one or more diameters of said second shaft.

22. (newly added) The hand tool of claim 10 further comprising said second face having a ledge formed upon removing material of said handle on a chord adjacent to said second shaft and parallel to the diameter of said second face and to a depth of generally one or more diameters of said second shaft